

HOLDEN VAUGHN SPANGLER AWARD WINNER

**Jab Artist**

by Dana Stamps, II.

*Lydia the queen of tattoo,  
On her back is the battle of Waterloo  
---Marx Brothers*

Cockamamie. an eponym for temporary  
tattoos, I only learned recently,  
for the Ice Cream Man, way back then,  
sold all good things, a kid could trust in that.

Whether cherry or grape lollypop suckers,  
or ice cream sandwich mess makers,  
or Fudgesicle chocolate fiends, all gathered

when Pop Goes the Weasel crackled  
from distorting speakers. The truck/tattoo parlor  
brought my fix of cool tats, but I gave

my bubblegum to this tomboy Nikki  
who I kicked it with, and she said, One day,  
those will be real --- so how can you  
know, Fonzarelli, you'll like 'em forever?